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**From:** Douglas J. Moody  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, Apr 26, 2003 10:11 AM  
**Subject:** Further deregulation?!

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Dear Chairman Powell,

Regarding the upcoming FCC vote, further consolidation of the media in the false name of "deregulation" must be halted and in fact reversed. TV and radio news in the hands of a handful of profit-driven corporations has undermined our democracy more than any other modern force except the high cost of broadcast commercials during elections. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide crucial unbiased information to the public about most public issues, most notably the drive to war in Iraq. As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to break up the media conglomerates, to open the spectrum to a wide diversity of organizations and independent journalists, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Thank you,

Douglas Moody

**From:** Patrick Sumner  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Sat, Apr 26, 2003 5:44 PM  
**Subject:** public hearings

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Dear Michael K. Powell,

I've been listening to the public hearings that are taking place today in San Francisco regarding the upcoming FCC biennial regulatory review and I wanted to add my own comments

The Air Waves belong to the public, not the private sector. Media consolidation must be tightly regulated so that a diverse range of views are available. A healthy society is one where the many voices that comprise that society have free access to all media both in terms of what they can hear, see and read, and what they can say, show and write. Corporate media does not provide this. Year by year the range of what can be found in the media has gotten narrower and narrower as a result of media mergers and consolidation and you guys are letting that happen. Shame on you, you work for us, not the large corporations. More and more ordinary citizens like myself are finally waking up to this fact and it's time all of you wake up as well.

In closing I want to repeat myself. The Air Waves belong to the public, it is something we all own in common, and you work for the public, remember that.

Respectfully,

Patrick Sumner  
Ordinary Citizen

**From:** Grace Cooper  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Sat, Apr 26, 2003 7:51 PM  
**Subject:** Oligopoly

Oligopoly is what we will have, almost have now, in the area of information dissemination and access. If it were not for the internet, many of us would hear only what the powers-that-be want us to hear. There are now, I believe, about 5 major corporations that own and operate our television/cable networks. If you are not careful, they will be able to keep from us ALL information that these million or billion-dollar corporations find unacceptable or uncomfortable. Where will we find out about drugs that are dangerous, or politicians that are basically selling us out? It used to be that, in the newspaper business, any major city had at least three or four daily newspapers; no more. Sacramento, where I live, has only one paper. It is a good one, but it does not publish the kind of news that I can get on the internet.

My understanding was that the FCC agency is responsible for making sure that our public airwaves, television channels, etc. are NOT controlled by just a few entities. Right now we have very limited access to news that is not filtered through the prejudices of Rupert Murdoch, or Time/Warner/AOL, Disney, General Electric...and any of the other, if there are any other, corporations that now have taken control over our access to news and information and entertainment. Please do your job; the nation cannot survive with controlled news. We will have become a money and corporation-controlled nation; we just about are now. I do not think that is what our founders meant when they wrote "freedom of the press" into our Constitution. Or, we could say "freedom of speech". If Fox News had its way, we would only hear its version of "Fair and balanced"...now that's a laugh.

If you allow any further consolidation and monopolization of our country's communication networks you will have sold our heritage, and we will be well on our way to 1984, a la Orwell, or 1933 a la Adolf Hitler. Surely, you are intelligent people and good citizens, too. Please do not shut us out of the available information by giving control to just a few. You know full well what will happen if you do.

sincerely, grace cooper, Sacramento, California

**CC:** William T. Cooper

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**From:** BernSFish@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Sat, Apr 26, 2003 4:59 PM  
**Subject:** Tampering with Free Speech

RE: Consolidation of Media

You are urged to uphold the basic American right of free speech.

Vote against any further consolidation of the media.

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**From:** vanguardsisters@earthlink.net  
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**Date:** Sat, Apr 26, 2003 12:10 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps

Dear FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps,

The FCC must consider the unique needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules.

Children consume almost five and a half hours of media per day. Research has shown that media, particularly television, play a unique and powerful role in children's development.

The FCC should consider how further relaxation of media ownership rules would impact children's programming. Deregulation may reduce competition, increase commercialism and result in less original programming for children.

Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how children will be affected.

Sincerely,

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Senator Barbara Boxer  
Representative Sam Farr

**From:** vanini@netstep.net  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Sat, Apr 26, 2003 10:45 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps

Dear FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps,

I strongly oppose any regulatory changes that would allow still further concentration of our media in the hands of a few large corporations. There is already too great a concentration of markets. The likes of GE/NBC, Disney, ClearChannel, and AOL/Time Warner already have too much power.

In particular, the FCC must consider the unique needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules.

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Sincerely,

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Representative Maurice Hinchey  
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**From:** wind4raven@aol.com  
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**Date:** Sat, Apr 26, 2003 12:14 PM  
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Sincerely,

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cc:  
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**Date:** Sat, Apr 26, 2003 12:49 PM  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** dngriffin@wisc.edu  
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Sincerely,

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Senator Russell Feingold

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**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

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Sincerely,

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**From:** ypoozbare@hotmail.com  
**To:** Michael Copps  
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**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps

Dear FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps,

The FCC must consider the unique needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules.

Children are exposed to almost five and a half hours of media per day. Research has shown that media, particularly television, play a unique and powerful role in children's development.

The FCC should consider how further relaxation of media ownership rules would impact children's programming. Deregulation may reduce competition, increase commercialism and result in less appropriate and original programming for children.

Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider the effect on children.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

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Sincerely,

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Senator Dianne Feinstein  
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**From:** bsabhandy@sprintmail.com  
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**Date:** Sat, Apr 26, 2003 9:33 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

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Sincerely,

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